

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2810
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SEA TURTLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has designed the Turtle Excuder Device (TED) for use in the coasta water with a view to save the lives of the sea turtles;
- (b) if so, the States where TED is being used;
- (c) whether the TED has become useful to save the save turtle from destruction; and
- (d) if so, the details of other methods which are used to save turtle from nets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Government of West Bengal and Kerala have issued notifications making installation of TED in the fishing trawlers mandatory through their Marine Fishing Regulation Act. The Government of Orissa has also enacted a law requiring the use of TED by all trawler operators in Orissa Coast.
- (c) Yes, Sir. The experiments conducted by CIFT at Paradeep (Orissa) showed that the CIFT designed TED permitted 100% escapement of the turtles from trawl net.
- (d) TED is the only device used for saving turtles which are incidentally trapped in trawl nets.